

Dr. Jas. K. Lewis House
St. Charles, Illinois

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Project No. 26-9

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SOURCE

Property
Deed
(Mrs. Frank
Brown)

This frame house, situated at 19 South Fifth Street, St. Charles, Illinois, was erected by Dr. Jas. K. Lewis sometime between 1858 and 1862. The property deed shows that he purchased the property unimproved in 1858 and sold it to Catherine Easter in 1862, including the building. In 1863 she sold it to Winfield F. Osgood, who in turn sold to John A. Brown about 1885. The property is now owned by Mrs. Frank Brown, daughter-in-law of the above, and is tenanted by Mrs. Henrietta M. Miller.

The second floor section over the dining room and parlor were added at a later date, as evidenced by the weighted double-hung sash and modern interior trim.

Herbert
J. Brown
(son of
owner)

In 1918 Frank Brown installed the French windows onto the front second floor porch, laid hardwood floors thruout and installed the entire plumbing, heating and wiring systems. At the same time a bath room was provided in the second floor over the dining room wing, wall board partitions and the large opening (with posts) was cut thru between the living room and stair hall.

The conservatory off the dining room and the exterior closet off the first floor south east bed room do not belong to the original building.

The interior trim is of pine, which has been painted and grained. There is no evidence of any oak or large-sized timber in the structural frame.

January 30, 1934

By Walter T. Stockton
Approved Earl H. Reed, Jr.
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